



Summer 26/27

ALLOCATION OF TEAM PROCESS & REGISTRATION DATES

PURPOSE

This document outlines how MDBA allocates teams into competitions and the key registration dates. As most competitions operate at or above capacity, it is essential that all club and independent team contacts understand the allocation process and the registration opening and closing timelines.

Club teams are those entered through an affiliated MDBA club.

Independent teams are those registered directly with MDBA.

PROCESS FOR ALLOCATING CLUB TEAMS

- Existing club teams will be given first preference and priority for registration.
- As a guide, an existing club team is classed as:
 - Being registered in the previous season, and
 - Having at least 6 players from that team registered from the previous season.

Existing Independent Teams who have transferred to a Club will be considered an Existing Club Team.

- New club teams will be allocated following preference of existing independent teams.
- If capacity has been reached for a division:
 - MDBA is unable to accept new club teams, and
 - Teams will be notified of this outcome.
- Club teams registering to "play up" and age division will be allocated:
 - After all existing club teams
 - After existing independent teams
 - After new club teams
 - After new independent teams

PROCESS FOR ALLOCATING INDEPENDENT TEAMS

- Existing independent teams (**U16 and above only**) will be allocated after all existing club teams. As a guide an existing independent team is classed as;
 - Being registered in the previous season
 - Having at least 6 players from that team registered from the previous season.
- New independent (**U20 and above**) teams will be allocated:
 - After existing club teams
 - After existing independent teams
 - After new club teams.

- Independent teams registering to "play up" and age division will be allocated:
 - After all existing club teams
 - After existing independent teams
 - After new club teams
 - After new independent teams

REGISTRATION OPEN AND CLOSE DATES

Monday 10th August 2026 – PlayHQ Season Access (club only)

Clubs will be granted access to the season via PlayHQ and can start adding teams.

Monday 17th August 2026 – Team Registration Open (independent teams)

Team registration open at 9.30am.

Monday 17th August 2026 – Player Registration Open (club and independent)

Player registration open at 9.30am

Sunday 13th September 2026 – Team Registration/Allocations Close (club and independent)

Team registrations close (club and independent teams) at 11.55pm.

Sunday 20th September 2026 – Player Registration Close (club and independent)

- All teams, both club and independent, must have all players registered by the above date.
- Players need to be registered by this date to assist with grading teams.
- By this date, to be fixtured into the competition teams must:
 - Have 6 or more players
 - Have a coach registered
 - Have a team manager registered

Team Withdrawals (club and independent)

Team withdrawal after **Monday 21st September 2026** will incur a \$100 fee.

Team withdrawal after the release of fixtures will incur a \$200 fee.